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POISONOUS CHEMICALS IN WHEAT AND RICE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a study conducted by agricultural scientists of Chandrashekhara Azad University of Agriculture and Technology has revealed that poisonous chemicals have been found in wheat and rice crops; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken to prevent the presence of harmful pesticides in food crops?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): During the last five years, no study has been conducted to detect the presence of poisonous pesticide chemicals in wheat and rice crops at Chandra Sekhar Azad University of Agriculture & Technology, Kanpur. However, in order to prevent the presence of harmful pesticides in food crops, the following measures are recommended.

1. Integrated pest management practices are advocated to farmers of the region so as to ensure good agricultural practices and judicious application of pesticides in wheat, rice and other food crops.

2. Adequate awareness and guidance are provided to farmers and other stake-holders to prevent mixing,contamination and direct application of persistent pesticides,without appropriate label claims,in food commodities including wheat and rice.